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# SPIDER-MAN

## CHAPTER ONE

THE GREEN GOBLIN™  
--THE GREEN GOLIATH™



--AND SPIDEY'S  
CAUGHT IN THE  
MIDDLE!



Stan Lee presents

# GREEN DEATH BENEATH THE DESERT

DEEP IN THE LABYRINTHIAN  
CAVES THAT HONEYCOMB  
THE NATIVE ROCK OF NEW  
MEXICO...

...A DISCOVERY HAS BEEN  
MADE. A LARGE, GREEN  
DISCOVERY THAT WOULD  
HAVE BEEN BEST LEFT  
UNDISTURBED.

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AT LEAST IN THE OPINION  
OF OUR FRIENDLY  
NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-  
MAN.

WHO HAPPENS, AT THE  
MOMENT, TO BE VERY FAR  
FROM ANY NEIGHBORHOOD  
HE CONSIDERS HIS OWN!

THE  
HULK!

THIS MUST BE WHERE HE'S  
BEEN HIDING ALL THE  
WEEKS SINCE THE LAST  
REPORTED SIGHTING!

AS IF I DIDN'T  
HAVE ENOUGH  
TO WORRY ABOUT,  
BATTLING THE  
GREEN GOBLIN!

CONFUSED READER?  
WONDERING HOW SPIDER-  
MAN GOT FROM A MOVIE  
STUDIO IN NEW YORK TO A  
CAVERN IN NEW MEXICO?



IT'S TRUE! WHEN WE LAST SAW THE WALL-CRAWLER HE HAD TRACKED THE MASKED MENACE KNOWN AS MYSTERIO TO THE OSBORN STUDIOS.

AND THINGS HAD JUST GONE VERY WRONG!

YOU'VE FOUND ME, SPIDER-MAN!

NOW ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SURVIVE!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

TWO SECONDS AGO I WAS IN AN ORDINARY ROOM--A PROP ROOM!  
I KNOW MYSTERIO IS POWERFUL BUT THIS...??

THINK SPIDEY! THINK! HOW IS HE DOING THIS TO YOU?





OW!

HE'S DOING IT AGAIN!  
HITTING ME WHEN HE'S  
NOWHERE NEAR ME!

BUT- WHAT DID I BUMP  
INTO? WHAT'S SOLID IN ALL  
THIS MESS?

THERE WAS A TABLE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF THE ROOM  
WHEN I STEPPED IN, BUT...

CLIC

BLAST! HE'S NOT GIVING ME  
TWO SECONDS TO THINK!

??  
HOW'D HE  
GET INTO HIS  
COSTUME  
SO FAST??

IT'S LIKE  
FIGHTING A  
GHOST!

HE'S NOT  
EVEN  
SOLID!







YES! I SHOULD HAVE GUESSED WHEN I FOUND YOUR COSTUME IN A MOVIE STUDIO PROP ROOM!

ALL THESE FANTASTIC "POWERS" OF YOURS ARE JUST--SPECIAL EFFECTS! HOLOGRAMS!

AND YOU USED THE DISTRACTION TO REALLY PUT ON YOUR COSTUME!

CORRECT, SPIDER-MAN.

NO ONE WILL BELIEVE YOU, WHEN YOU TELL THEM WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED.

OR SHOULD I SAY IF YOU TELL THEM...?

MAKE IT "WHEN"!!!

NOT THAT KNOWING THAT IS GOING TO DO YOU ANY GOOD!

I'VE FRAMED YOU FOR ALL THE CRIMES I COMMITTED, AND GOT THE WHOLE CITY THINKING MYSTERIO IS SOME POWERFUL NEW SUPERHERO!

NO...

LOOK! THERE THEY ARE!



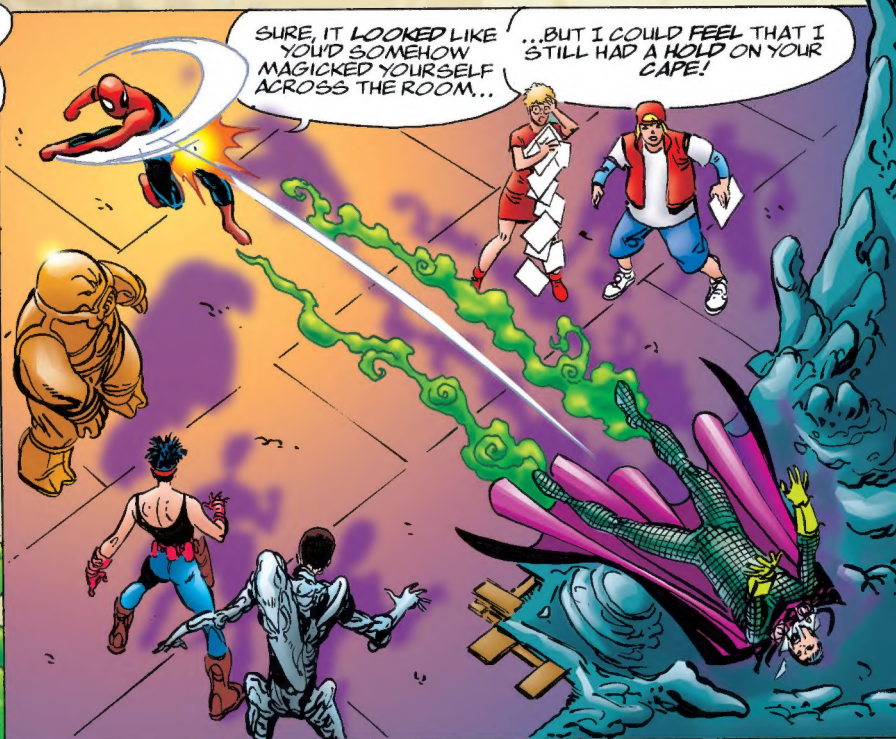
HOW DUMB DO YOU THINK I AM, MISTER?

DID YOU REALLY THINK YOUR TRICKS COULD WORK ON ME, ONCE I'D FIGURED THEM OUT?



SURE, IT LOOKED LIKE YOU'D SOMEHOW MAGICKED YOURSELF ACROSS THE ROOM...

...BUT I COULD FEEL THAT I STILL HAD A HOLD ON YOUR CAPE!



WRONG, SPIDER-MAN!

AS FAR AS THESE WITNESSES ARE CONCERNED, THIS JUST ADDS TO THE CASE AGAINST YOU!

HOLY COW, LOOK! IT'S BECK!

MYSTERIO IS GLENN BECK!

SO SAY "GOODNIGHT", GRACIE! IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU!



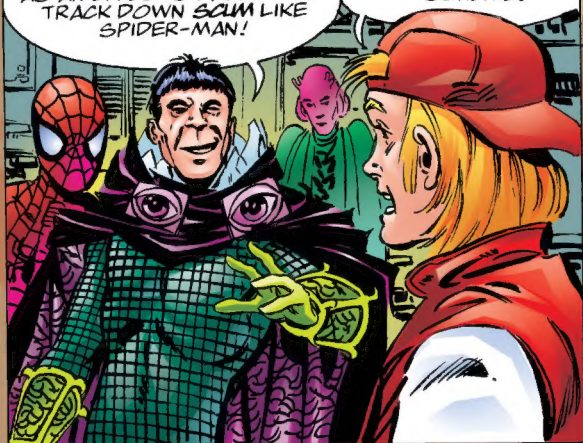
THAT'S RIGHT, FRIENDS! I ADOPTED THE IDENTITY OF MYSTERIO SO I COULD USE THE THINGS I'VE LEARNED AS AN EFFECTS EXPERT TO TRACK DOWN SCUM LIKE SPIDER-MAN!

WHO YOU KIDDIN', BECK? WE HEARD YOU TELLIN' SPIDEY YOUR WHOLE LOUSY SCHEME!

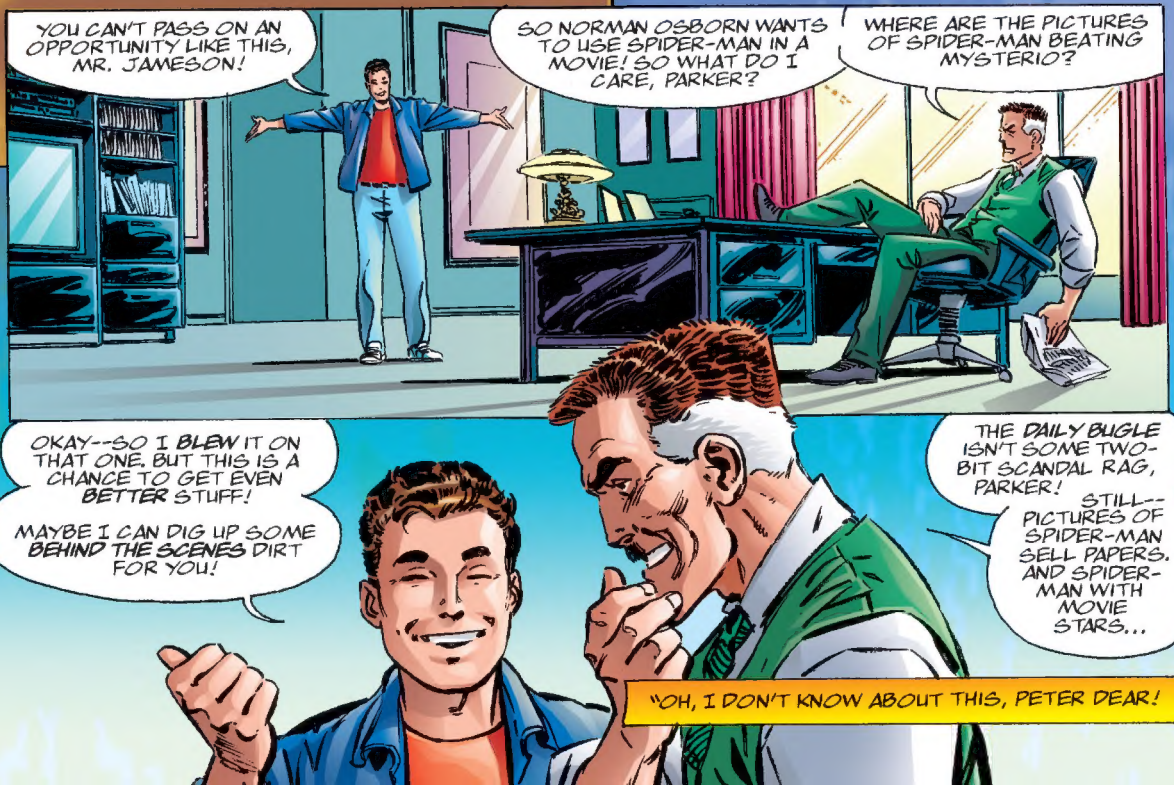
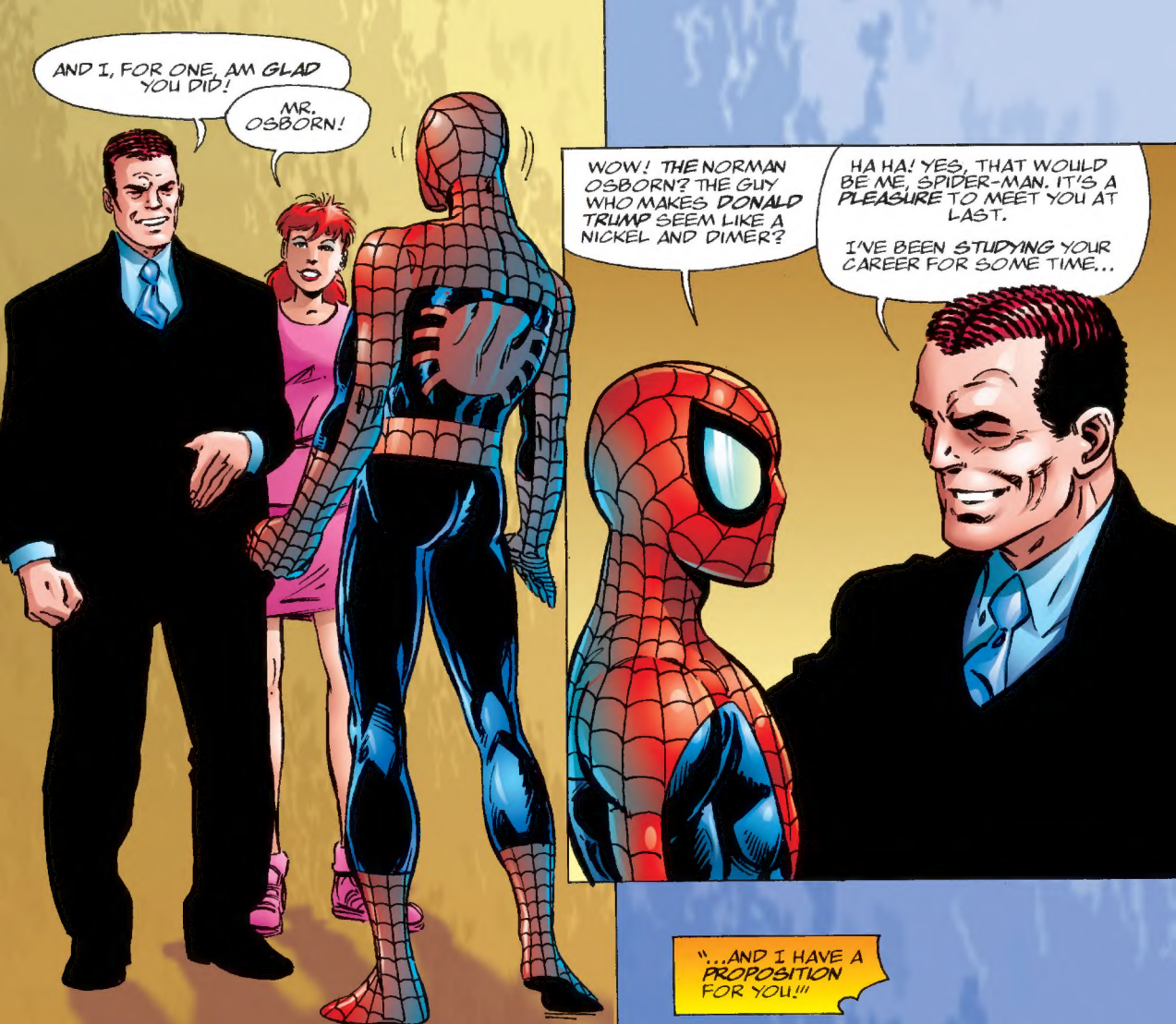
THEN IT WORKED! I SPOTTED THE INTERCOM ON THE TABLE WHEN I FIRST ENTERED THE ROOM!

GROPING AROUND IN ALL THAT WEIRDNESS MYSTERIO PROJECTED, I HOPED I'D TURNED IT ON!

YOU DID, SPIDER-MAN.





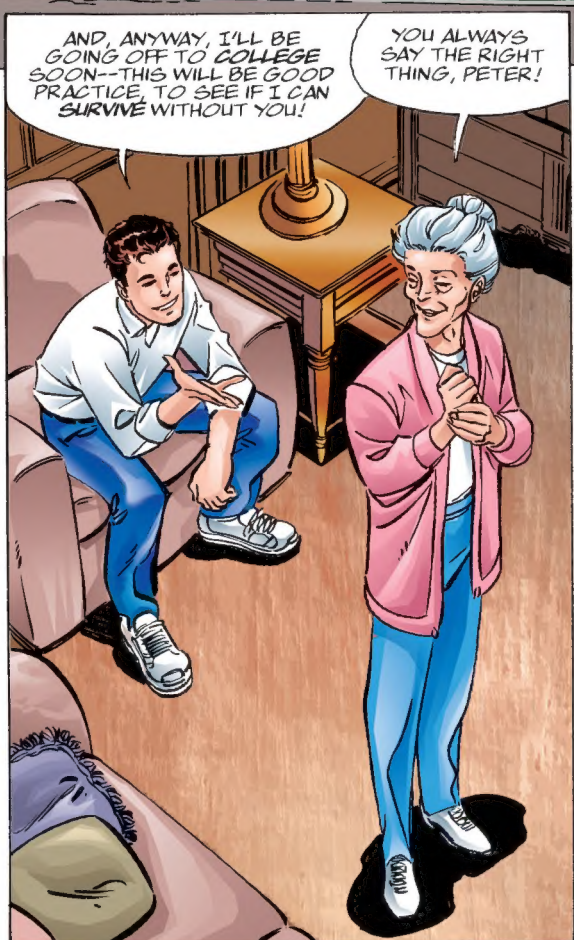






IT'S SUCH A LONG WAY TO GO, FOR A BOY OF YOUR TENDER YEARS!

I'M SEVENTEEN, AUNT MAY! I'M NOT A KID ANY MORE!



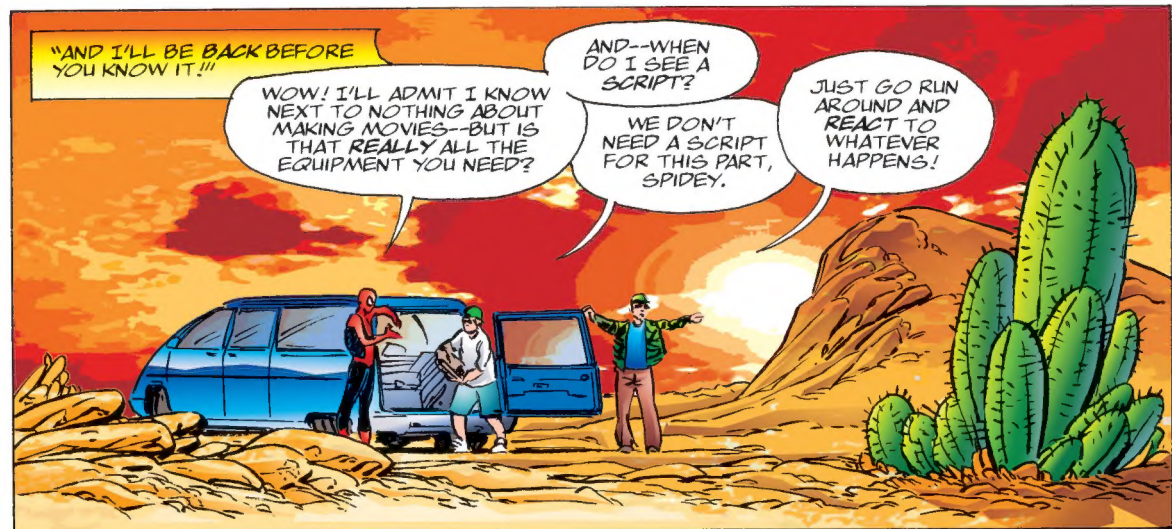
AND, ANYWAY, I'LL BE GOING OFF TO COLLEGE SOON--THIS WILL BE GOOD PRACTICE, TO SEE IF I CAN SURVIVE WITHOUT YOU!

YOU ALWAYS SAY THE RIGHT THING, PETER!



ALL RIGHT--GO AND TAKE THE PICTURES FOR MR. JAMESON. BUT YOU KEEP IN TOUCH!

I'LL TAKE MY LAPTOP AND E-MAIL YOU EVERY DAY! I PROMISE!



"AND I'LL BE BACK BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!"

WOW! I'LL ADMIT I KNOW NEXT TO NOTHING ABOUT MAKING MOVIES--BUT IS THAT REALLY ALL THE EQUIPMENT YOU NEED?

AND--WHEN DO I SEE A SCRIPT?

WE DON'T NEED A SCRIPT FOR THIS PART, SPIDEY.

JUST GO RUN AROUND AND REACT TO WHATEVER HAPPENS!



OKAY--BUT I SURE CAN'T SHOW OFF MY POWERS TO THEIR BEST ADVANTAGE OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT!

BUT, HEY! NOT MY WORRY, RIGHT? IF NORMAN OSBORN WANTS TO PAY SPIDER-MAN FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS TO APPEAR IN HIS MOVIE...



...I GUESS IT'S HIS PROBLEM IF HIS CREW DOESN'T MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR STAR!



FUNNY- MY SPIDER-SENSE IS TINGLING ALL OF A...

YOW!!



THAT WAS NO SPECIAL EFFECT! THAT WAS A REAL EXPLOSION!

JUST ONE OF MY PUMPKIN BOMBS, SPIDER-MAN.



A SMALL REPRESENTATION OF THE ARSENAL AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!

ARE YOU SERIOUS ??

I HOPE THAT COSTUME ISN'T SUPPOSED TO SCARE ME, PAL!

IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO STOP FROM LAUGHING OUT LOUD!





LAUGH IF YOU LIKE, SPIDER-MAN!

AT LEAST IT MEANS YOU WILL DIE HAPPY!

OW!!

A SLIGHT CHANGE OF PLAN, SPIDER-MAN.

OSBORN WANTED TO USE YOU IN HIS MOVIE, BUT I SIMPLY WANT TO KILL YOU.

HEY, THAT HURT, FELLA!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON HERE?

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ANOTHER CLOWN WHO THINKS HE CAN BUILD A REP BY BEATING SPIDER-MAN..?

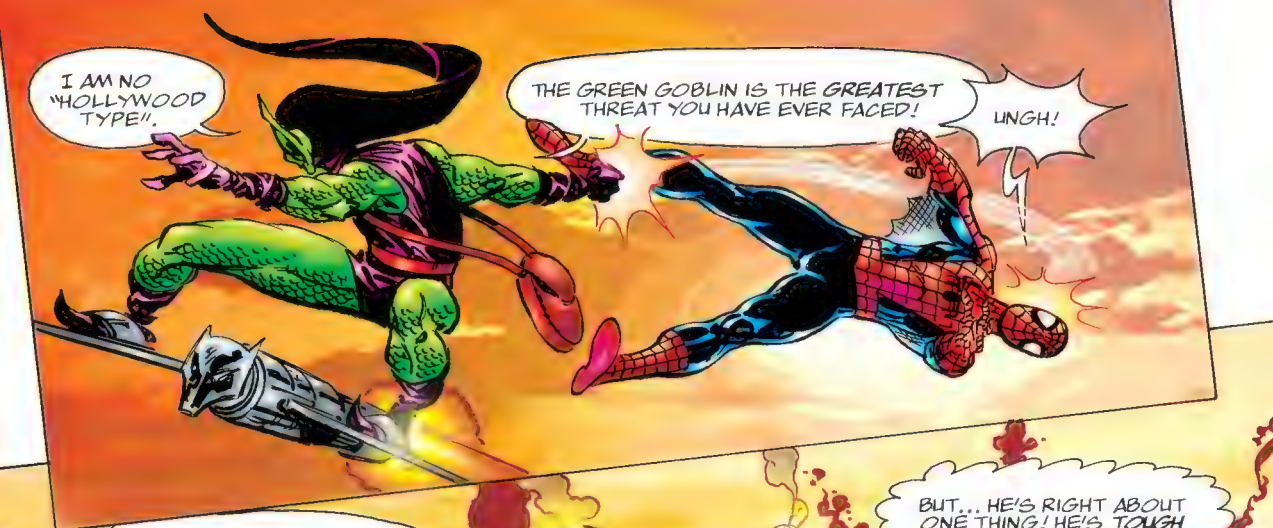
YOU HOLLYWOOD TYPES ALL SEEM TO GET THE SAME IDEA AT THE SAME TIME!

WHAT...??

"HOLLYWOOD TYPES"?

OH, NO, SPIDER-MAN...!



A Green Goblin in a green and purple suit with a pumpkin bomb is attacking Spider-Man. Spider-Man is being thrown back by the impact. The background is a fiery orange and yellow sky.

I AM NO "HOLLYWOOD TYPE!"

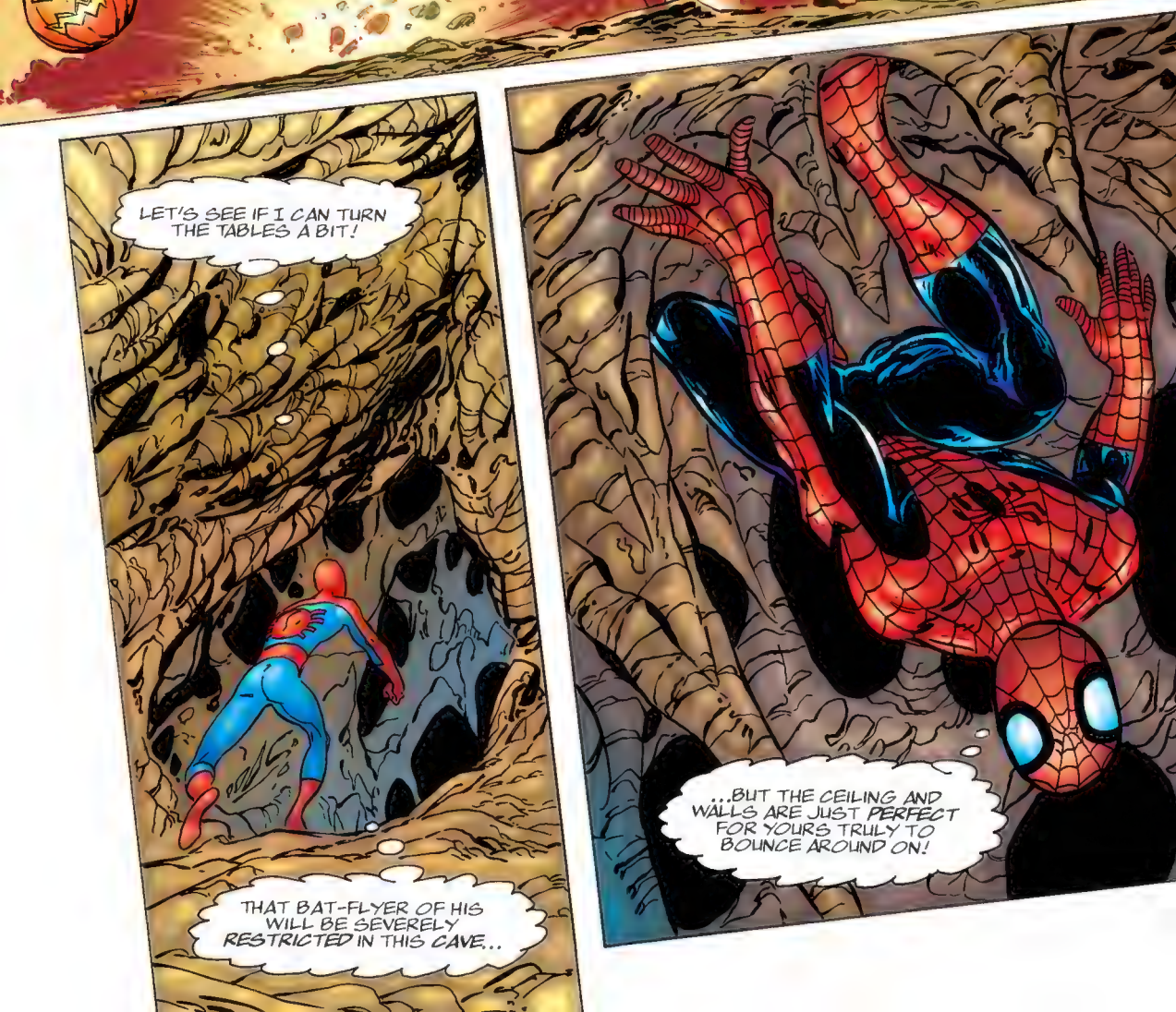
THE GREEN GOBLIN IS THE GREATEST THREAT YOU HAVE EVER FACED!

UNGH!

SURE, GOBBY! YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, AND MAYBE ONE OF US WILL BELIEVE IT!

BUT... HE'S RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING! HE'S TOUGH AND DANGEROUS!

AND WITH NO BUILDINGS TO SLING MY WEBS OFF, HE'S GOT ME AT A REAL DISADVANTAGE!

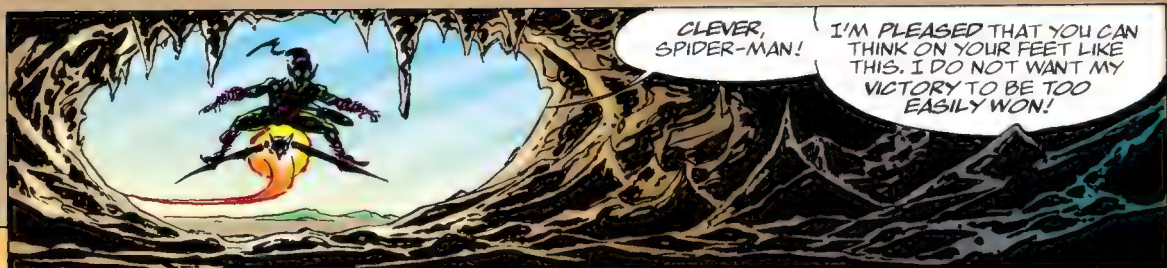
Spider-Man is shown in two panels within a cave. In the first panel, he is running through a rocky, cavernous space. In the second panel, he is lying on his back on the ground, looking up at the cave ceiling. The cave walls are jagged and rocky.

LET'S SEE IF I CAN TURN THE TABLES A BIT!

THAT BAT-FLYER OF HIS WILL BE SEVERELY RESTRICTED IN THIS CAVE...

...BUT THE CEILING AND WALLS ARE JUST PERFECT FOR YOURS TRULY TO BOUNCE AROUND ON!





CLEVER,  
SPIDER-MAN!

I'M PLEASED THAT YOU CAN  
THINK ON YOUR FEET LIKE  
THIS. I DO NOT WANT MY  
VICTORY TO BE TOO  
EASILY WON!

GLAD TO HEAR  
IT, SMILEY!

I'LL BE HAPPY TO MAKE  
YOU WORK FOR A LIVING!

UNF!!



YOUR SPEED AND AGILITY  
ARE ALL I EXPECTED THEM  
TO BE, SPIDER-MAN.

BUT I AM STILL THE BETTER  
MAN!

HO HUM! SURE IS  
QUIET AROUND HERE!  
THINK I'LL GRAB A  
QUICK NAP SINCE  
NOTHING IS GOING ON!



YEAH--KEEP  
TALKING,  
PARKER, AND  
MAYBE YOU  
WON'T BE  
QUITE SO  
SCARED!

THIS GOBLIN CLOWN IS  
EVERY BIT AS DANGEROUS  
AS HE CLAIMS! AND NOW I  
CAN'T SEE A DARN THING IN  
ALL THIS SMOKE!



BUT--YEAH! MY  
SPIDER-SENSE WORKS WHETHER I  
CAN SEE OR NOT, AND IT SAYS THERE'S  
SOMETHING DANGEROUS RIGHT OVER...





...HERE...!

HOLY COW! IT'S  
THE HULK!!!

EVEN HERE YOU PURSUE ME!  
WHY WON'T YOU LEAVE ME  
ALONE!

YOU'LL  
NEVER CAPTURE  
ME!

CAPTURE YOU? GREENIE, I  
DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU  
WERE HIDING HERE!





A comic book panel showing Spider-Man and the Hulk in a rocky, cavernous environment. Spider-Man is on the left, looking towards the Hulk. The Hulk is on the right, roaring with clenched fists. The ground is covered in rocks and debris. Spider-Man is wearing his classic red and blue suit. The Hulk is green with purple pants. The scene is set in a dark, rocky cave with jagged rock formations.

JUST  
LET ME  
EXPLAIN...

NO! NEVER AGAIN WILL I BE  
TRICKED BY THE LYING  
WORDS OF MY ENEMIES!

MY ONLY DEFENSE AGAINST  
MANKIND IS MY STRENGTH!

I  
MEAN TO  
USE IT!

YOW!

I'VE GOTTA FIND A WAY TO  
CONTAIN THIS GUY BEFORE  
HE BRINGS THE WHOLE  
CAVERN DOWN ON TOP OF  
US!

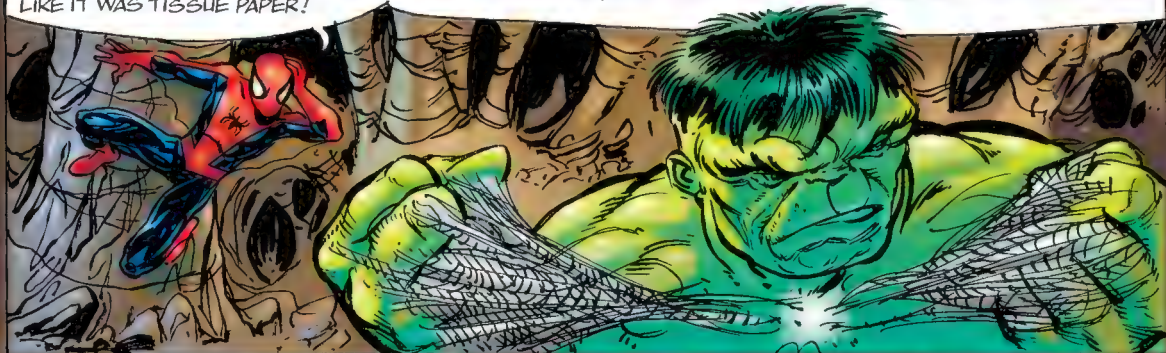
WHICH MIGHT NOT HURT HIM  
A WHOLE LOT, NOW THAT I  
THINK ABOUT IT...

...BUT COULD SQUASH THIS  
LITTLE SPIDER ONCE AND  
FOR ALL!



OH, MAN! HE TORE MY WEBBING LIKE IT WAS TISSUE PAPER!

OKAY, HULKSTER, I'VE TRIED TO PLAY AS FAIR AS YOU'LL LET ME...



...BUT IT'S TIME I ENDED THIS LITTLE TUSSELE SO I CAN GET BACK TO MY REAL BUSINESS!



OW!

OW!

OW!

WHAT WAS I THINKING? HE DIDN'T BAT AN EYE, AND ALL I'VE DONE IS MAKE HIM Madder!







THIS IS MOST FORTUITOUS!

THE TESTS I HAVE ARRANGED FOR SPIDER-MAN IN THE PAST PALE AGAINST THE POWER OF THE HULK!

ALL I NEED TO DO IS WATCH, AND IF THE HULK DOES NOT ACTUALLY DESTROY SPIDER-MAN, HE WILL MOST CERTAINLY SHOW ME ALL THE WALL-CRAWLER'S WEAKNESSES!

YOU'RE FAST, LITTLE MAN. BUT YOUR SPEED WON'T SAVE YOU FOREVER! YOU'LL SOON GET TIRED...

...BUT THE HULK NEVER DOES!



HE'S RIGHT!

HA! YOU SEE! ALREADY YOU TIRE!

NOW I'LL FINISH THE JOB!



SO I GOTTA TRY A PRETTY DESPERATE GAMBLE.

I'LL PRETEND TO BE EXHAUSTED AND HOPE MY SPIDER-SENSE WILL WARN ME AT THE EXACT RIGHT MOMENT TO DUCK!







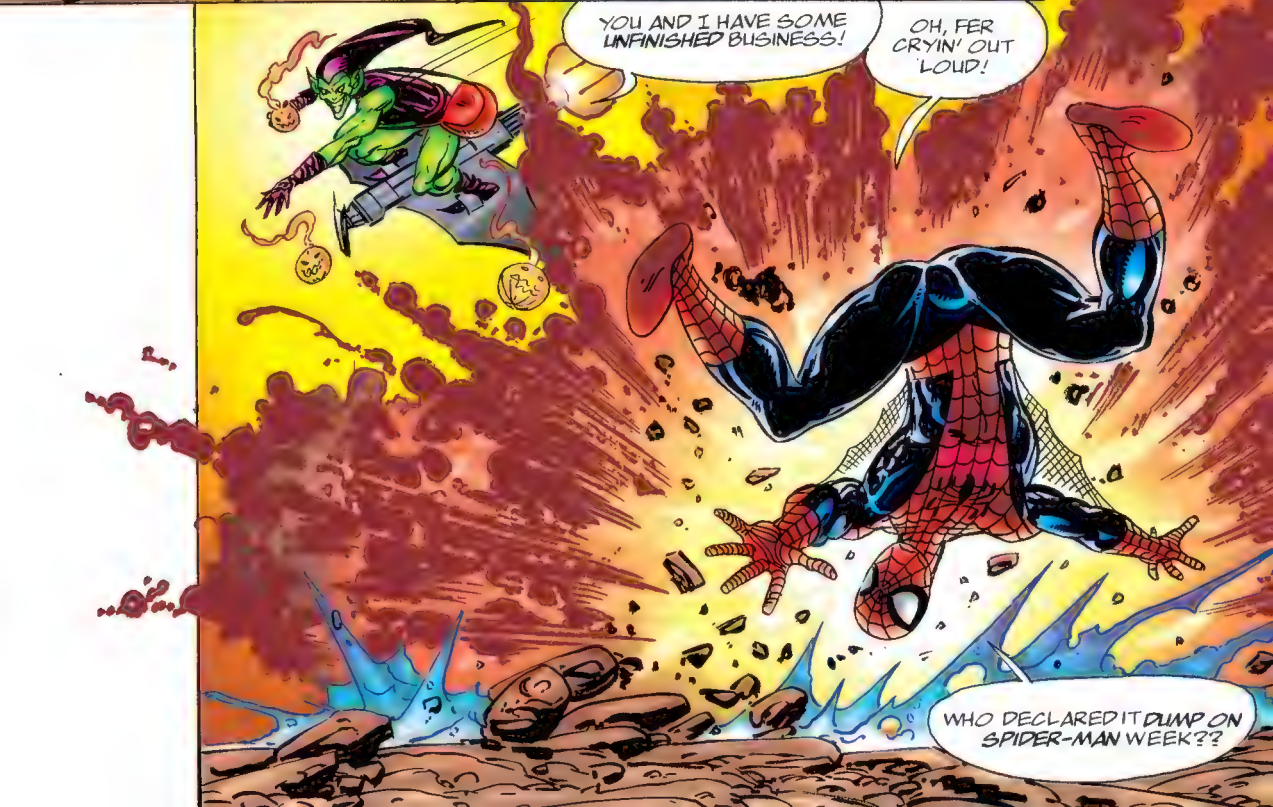
IT WORKED!  
HE BROUGHT  
DOWN THE  
WHOLE SIDE  
OF  
THE CAVE!

ENOUGH TO  
BURY HIM WHILE  
I MAKE A  
DAINTY EXIT!



NOW TO GET BACK TO THE  
FILM CREW AND TELL THEM  
TO GET OUTTA HERE  
BEFORE HE...

NOT  
QUITE SO  
FAST,  
SPIDER-  
MAN!

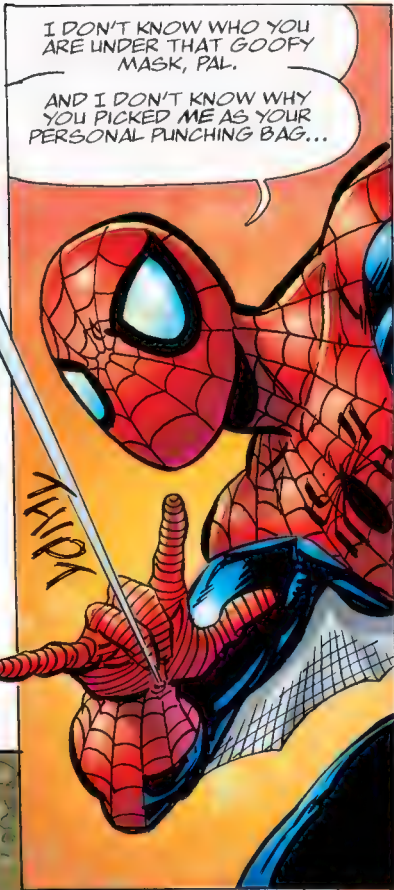


YOU AND I HAVE SOME  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS!

OH, FER  
CRYIN' OUT  
LOUD!

WHO DECLARED IT DUMP ON  
SPIDER-MAN WEEK???





I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE UNDER THAT GOOFY MASK, PAL.

AND I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU PICKED ME AS YOUR PERSONAL PUNCHING BAG...



BUT THIS ENDS NOW!

AND IT ENDS WITH ANSWERS!

NO, SPIDER-MAN.

AS I INTENDED FROM THE BEGINNING...



...IT ENDS WITH YOUR DEATH!

NO! HE TURNED SO THAT MY WEBBING WENT INTO THE FLAME OF HIS EXHAUST!

IT BURNED RIGHT THROUGH!



DO YOURSELF A FAVOR AND DROWN, SPIDER-MAN!

IT WILL BE MUCH LESS PAINFUL THAN WHAT I HAVE...

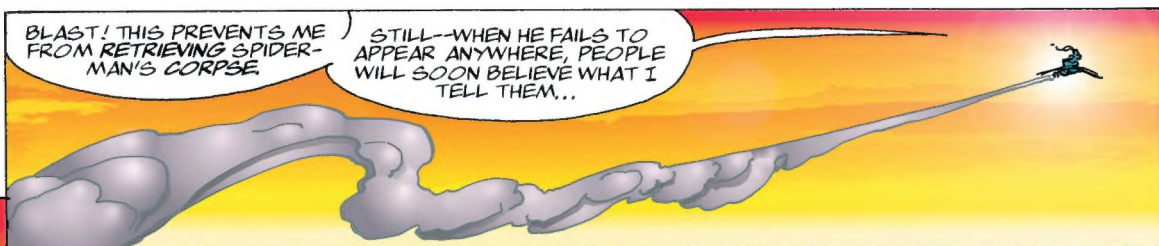
EH..?



THE HULK!

HE DUG HIS WAY OUT OF SPIDER-MAN'S LITTLE TRAP!

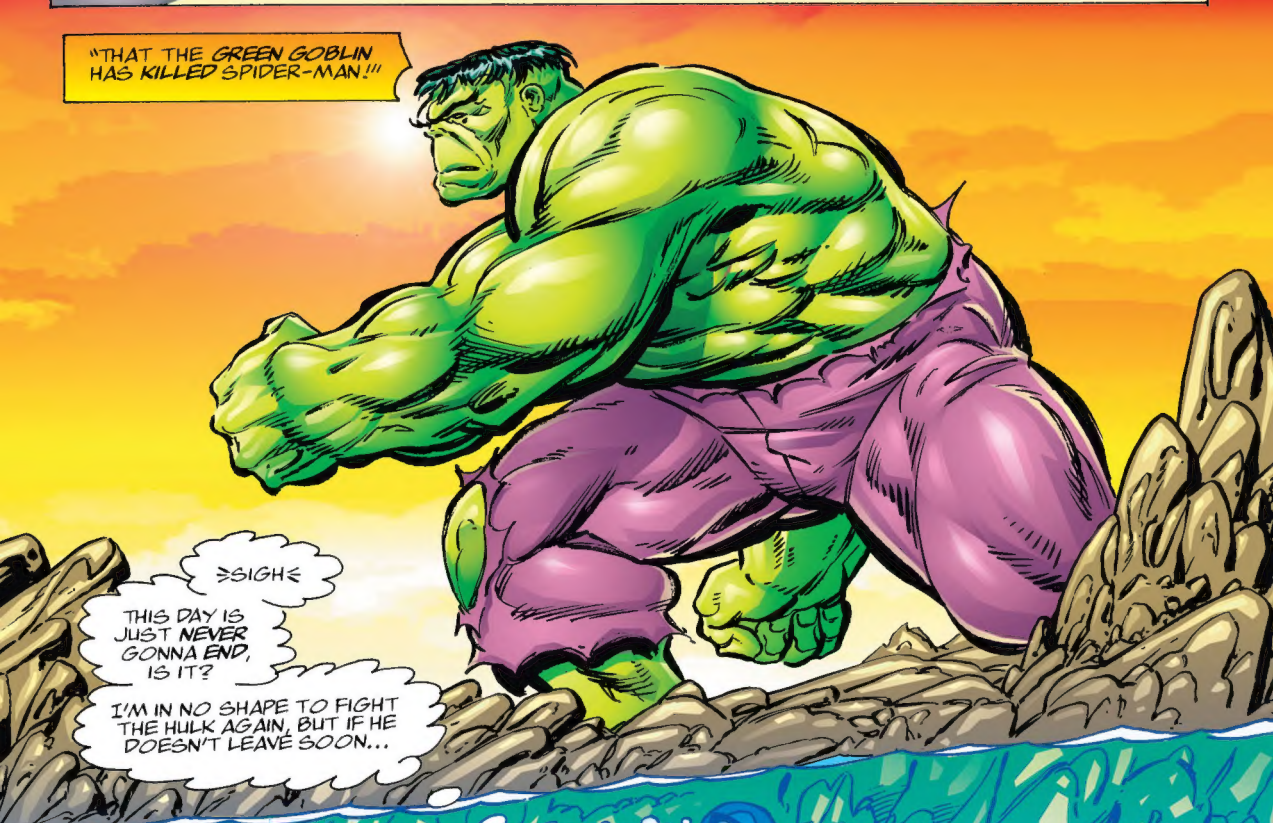




BLAST! THIS PREVENTS ME FROM RETRIEVING SPIDER-MAN'S CORPSE.

STILL--WHEN HE FAILS TO APPEAR ANYWHERE, PEOPLE WILL SOON BELIEVE WHAT I TELL THEM...

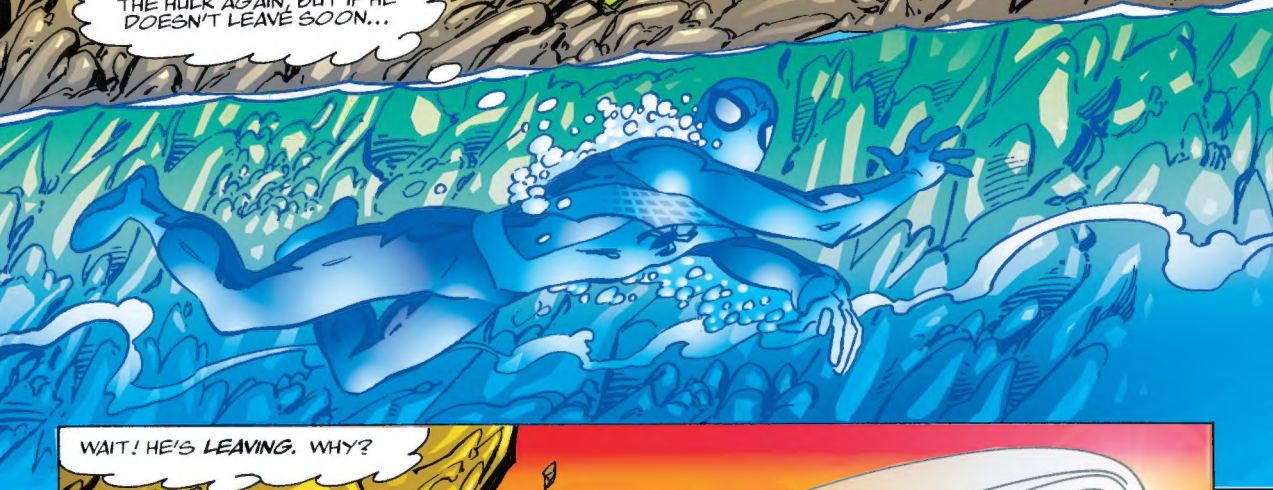
"THAT THE GREEN GOBLIN HAS KILLED SPIDER-MAN!"



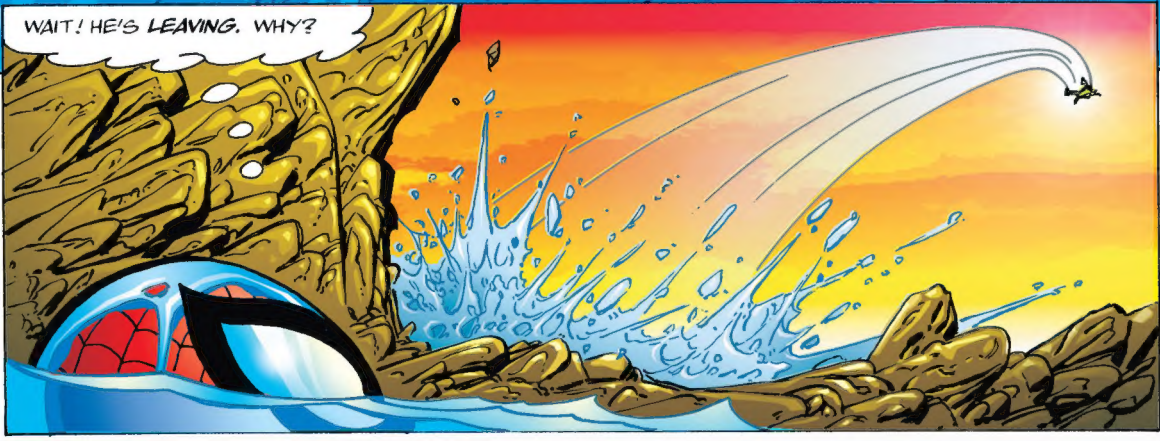
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THIS DAY IS JUST NEVER GONNA END, IS IT?

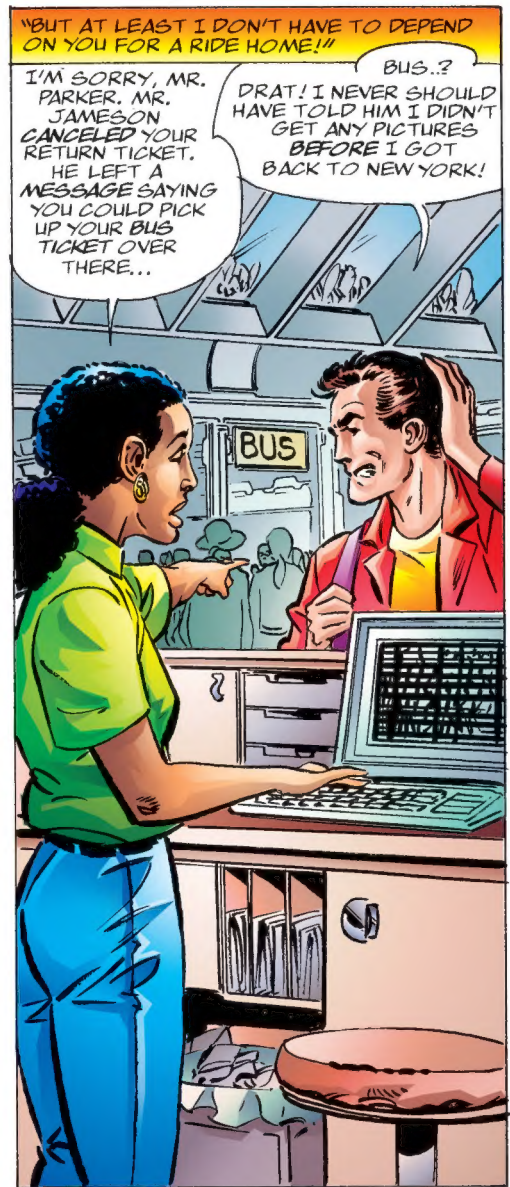
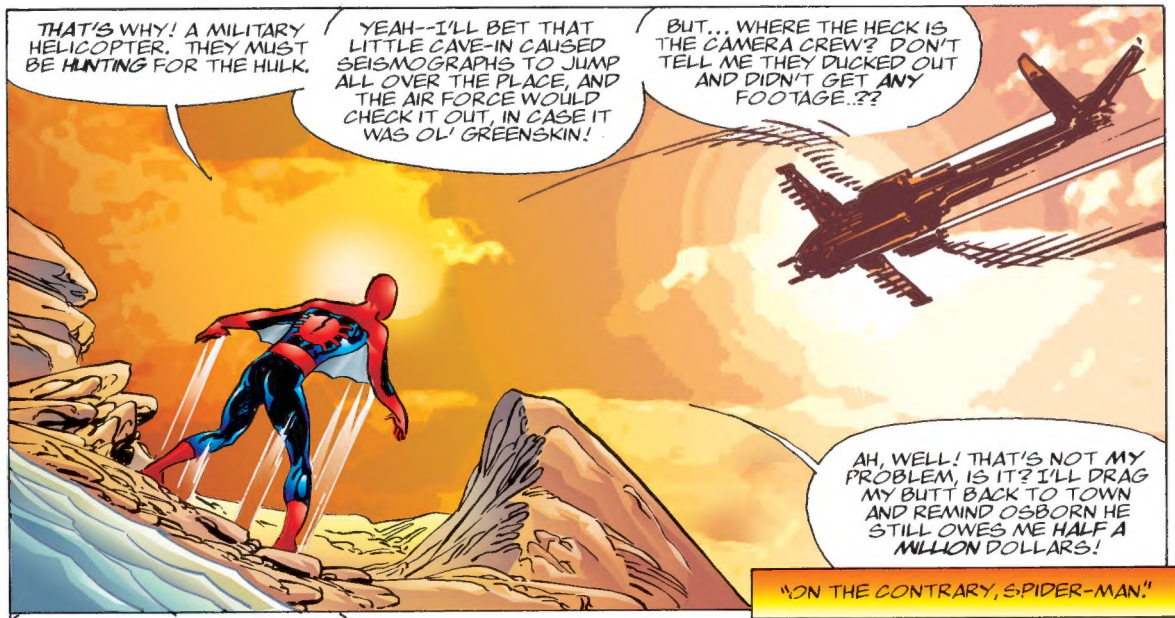
I'M IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT THE HULK AGAIN, BUT IF HE DOESN'T LEAVE SOON...



WAIT! HE'S LEAVING. WHY?









"AH, WELL! AT LEAST JONAH IS THE ONE THING I CAN DEPEND ON IN THE UNIVERSE!"

HE SURVIVED!

HE IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN I'D GUESSED!

FAIR ENOUGH! THE MORE POWERFUL SPIDER-MAN IS, THE MORE POWERFUL THE GREEN GOBLIN WILL BE SHOWN TO BE WHEN I DEFEAT HIM!

THIS SMALL SETBACK IS NOTHING IN THE GREATER SCHEME OF THINGS.

BEFORE THE YEAR IS OUT, EVERYTHING I HAVE PLANNED FOR WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED...

...AND NORMAN OSBORN WILL BE THE GREATEST CRIMELORD THIS CITY HAS EVER KNOWN!



NEXT: A NEW FRIEND AND TWO NEW FOES! JOIN US FOR SPIDER-MAN'S FIRST MEETING WITH DAREDEVIL, AND HIS FIRST BATTLES WITH THE RINGMASTER AND KRAVEN, THE HUNTER!





Tyrant  
Lizard  
King

EMPIRE